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1. AUGUST 22 PRESS IN SAN JOSE CARRIED STRONG STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO OF COSTA RICA'S DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO PLO OBSERVER PARTICIPATION IN SEPTEMBER 21 - 28 IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO. ARTICLE QUOTES FACIO STATING THAT HE HAS CABLED INSTRUCTIONS TO COSTA RICAN REPRESENTATIVES TO COMBAT THE INITIATIVE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
DANGEROUS."

2. FACIO'S EXTENDED NOTES:
-- THAT THE IRAQUI PROPOSAL IS "CONTAMNRSRTED" AS IT ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE POLITICAL QUESTIONS INTO A SPECIALIZED
UN AGENCY.

-- THAT PLO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, COULD AS OBSERVER OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT COULD PERMIT IT TO GET ITS HANDS ON ATOMIC WEAPONRY. THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRICE OF
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TERRORIST BLACKMAIL WOULD MULTIPLY.

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-- THAT "THE CREDIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE IAEA WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED IF THE PLO HAD DIRECT ACCESS TO THE IAEA ORGANIZATION, AND THROUGH IT TO ITS NUCLEAR SECRETS".

-- THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLO AS PERMANENT OBSERVER WOULD MEAN "THE BEGINNING OF THE END" OF THE IAEA.

2. HIGH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED AUGUST 27 THAT FACIO'S REMARKS AS PUBLISHED REPRESENT FIRM CR POLICY AND THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CABLED TO C.R. REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE AGAINST PLO ADMISSION AS OBSERVER. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT COSTA RICA POLICY IS TO FAVOR OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO IN QUESTIONS OR FORA THAT HAVE TO DO DIRECTLY WITH THE PLO, BUT NOT IN AN ENTITY SUCH AS IAEA. HE REMINDED THAT COSTA RICA VOTED FOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN LAST UNGA.
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